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Dear Mr. Beichman:

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In the absence of General Cabell who is out of the Country, I am replying to your letter of 22 November 1959.

The statement in General Cabell's letter to you of 9 October 1959, to the effect that should Khasnechev have a press conference in the US it would not be under the auspices of CIA and therefore he could not help in arranging an interview for you, still stands.

We have no information as to the accuracy of your statement that LIFE will be running an article by Khasnechev. CIA does not maintain a mailing list for unclassified material dealing with the Soviet economic developments. From time to time when the Director, The Deputy Director, or other senior official makes a public speech, copies of such speeches are mailed to people who request them. In this connection I am enclosing the last two statements concerning Soviet economic developments as reported by the Director, Allen W. Dulles.

Thank you for your comment regarding General Cabell's Legion speech of last August. Your letter to General Cabell will be brought to his attention upon his return from overseas.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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22 November 1959

General C. P. Cabell
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General:

On Oct. 9 I received a letter from you which said "Should he (Kaznecheev) have a Press Conference in the United States, it would not be under the auspices of CIA so I can offer you no hope of helping to arrange an interview for you."

The other evening I was with some Time Inc. editors who told me that "CIA had decided to bring this Russian into the open and we (Life Magazine) will be running an article by him or at least we're negotiating."

If the second paragraph is correct, I wonder whether it would be possible to interview the Russian. I'm leaving Thursday for Europe (world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and, perhaps, Warsaw if I can get a visa) but I should be back before Christmas.

Last night, Professor Roberts of Columbia University told me that your agency was making available unclassified material dealing with Soviet economic developments. Apparently, there is a mailing list one can get on and if it's possible, I would appreciate receiving this material.

Lastly, your Legion speech last August, the text of which I have just seen was excellent, particularly the paragraphs dealing with "fraternal exchange" between free and Communist labor groups. The ICFU congress will be dealing precisely with this issue at its meeting next month.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Arnold Beichman

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9 OCT 1959

Mr. Arnold Beichman

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Dear Mr. Beichman:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, I wish to thank you for your letter of 25 September and for the attached letter from Lawrence A. Spector.

Your article from Rangoon which appeared in the Monitor of 15 September 1959 was a fine piece of reporting. Mr. Spector's letter to you has been copied so that the Government officials concerned may furnish a copy to the man in question, for his consideration and decision at the proper time.

Should he have a Press conference in the United States, it would not be under the auspices of CIA so I can offer you no hope of helping to arrange an interview for you.

It was very good of you to take the interest you have in this man and the Spector letter shows some good may come from your Monitor article.

Again, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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Remarks:

Per our telephone conversation.

Please have the letter as suggested
by Colonel Grogan typed in final
form and returned by hand before the
end of the day (Friday). Thanks.

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